

all to Him it is useless to ask. But when we are anxious to have Him thus enthroned within us then we may know that He will hear and answer our prayer for power. We can then ask in faith, believing that God cannot deny us the means wherewith to serve him and without which we can do nothing.

Pentecostal power is then, the Spirit of Christ within us, guiding and using us in the salvation of souls.

We should have it because (1) without it we can do nothing; and (2) with it we can do the whole will of God; (3) we owe it to our God to serve him; and (4) we owe it to the world to do our best.

We may have this power (1) by desiring it, (2) by absolutely surrendering to the Holy Spirit, (3) by asking for it, (4) by believing and receiving this power.

May God grant that this power may be received by the young people of our brotherhood and that they may go forth in the strength of the Spirit to carry the message of salvation to every creature.

The Christian Life

A Lesson

When I was a child, beside our door,
In a green and spreading sycamore,
There sung each morning, with note as clear
As a crystal brook, and full of cheer,
A robin.

I watched his plumage in childish glee,
And fancied he sung his song for me;
And the melody lingers in heart and brain,
Making me often a child again—
My robin.

I look for his coming in early spring,
When the crocus opens, and maples bring
Their crimson tassels to kiss the breeze,
And the sunbinedallies with new leaved trees—
My robin.

I hear him as the sun goes down,
And the stars come out o'er the silent town;
But there's never a harsh or mournful note,
That wells afresh from the warbler's throat—
My robin.

And I learn a lesson of hope and cheer
That carries me on from year to year;
To sing in the shadow as in the sun,
Doing my part till the work is done—
My robin.

—Sarah Knowles Bolton.

Three Men

Zion's Herald.

He who knows his work, and does it. Supremely happy he. There is no room in his life for envy. His days, full of occupation, full of interest, full of usefulness, sing a perpetual song. Others may be disgusted or satiated with existence, but such can not be his state of mind. He is a king open to no man's pity. He is not always fully awake to his privilege, but when he is, he looks down upon the world.

He who has not found his work. This man may well be compassionated; especially if it be not his fault. Some square pegs seem to have been thrust into round holes by force of circumstances. Some people no doubt have been misled in their early days by vanity or pride or overweening ambition, and

bitterly have they rued their folly when it was too late. * * *

He who knows his work, and will not do it. Such a one can not miss unhappiness. He may have an abundance of this world's goods. He may be held in honor by many. But he is not truly honorable. He is a shirk, a coward, a failure. Looked at from one side, he is to be keenly pitied, but severe blame belongs to him also. The sooner he turns about and takes up the refused or neglected duty, the sooner he will regain his forfeited self-respect. There is for him no other road to joy.

Ruskin's Bible

Indian Witness.

John Ruskin was not the only famous Englishman who owed much to early acquaintance and close familiarity with the English Bible. We all know what a power it had in John Bright's unique career. Parents are doing most valuable and important work in keeping their young children in close touch with the Book of books. Ruskin himself says:

"I opened my oldest Bible just now . . . yellow now with age, and flexible—but not unclean—with much use, except the lower corners of the pages at chapter seven of the First Book of Kings, and chapter eight of Deuteronomy, are worn somewhat thin and dark, the learning of these two chapters having caused me much pains. My mother's list of chapters with which, learned every syllable accurately, she established my soul in life, has just fallen out of it, as follows: Exodus 15 and 20; 2 Samuel 1. 17 to end; 1 Kings 8; Psalms 23, 32, 90, 91, 103, 112, 119, 139; Proverbs 2, 2, 8, 12; Isaiah 58; Matthew 5, 6, 7; Acts 26; 1 Corinthians 13 and 15; James 4; Revelation 5 and 6. And truly, tho I have picked up the elements of a little further knowledge . . . in mathematics, meteorology, and the like, in after life, and owe not a little to the teaching of my people, this maternal installation of my mind in that property of chapters I count very confidently the most precious and, on the whole the one essential part of my education. For the chapters became, indeed, strictly conclusive and protective to me in all modes of thought, and the body of divinity they contain, acceptable thru all fear or doubt; nor thru any fear or doubt have I ever lost my loyalty to them, nor betrayed the first command in the one I was made to repeat oftenest, Let not mercy and truth forsake thee."

The Friend We Need

The Examiner.

If our way led thru a wilderness we would need a guide. If we had to pass along the brow of a precipice we would seek the support of a strong hand. Before attempting to climb the Matterhorn we would engage some mountaineer as an escort.

Well, we are in a world of difficulty. Before every earnest soul lies some definite, desiderated goal. Obstacles multiply as we

advance toward it. Many things confuse and hinder. We all need a guide. And none need be without one. Jesus offers himself. He has power to render us completest aid. All power is given unto Him in heaven and in earth. Homeless and hungry, misunderstood and opposed, as He once was, He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

We are in a world of perplexity. Business life is full of it. Men are agitated by the ups and downs of the markets. They are harassed by failures, irritated by the neglect of employees, or, if employees, they are often dispirited and vexed by the exactions and inconsiderateness of employers. Domestic life is burdened by constant cares—the details of household management, anxiety for children, the thousand frets and worries that wear upon the spirit and disturb its quiet. We need Jesus. He came from the Father—was the likeness of the Father's glory and the express image of His person. No voice like His to comfort the perplexed. New life is imparted by His assurances: "Not a sparrow falleth to the ground without your heavenly Father's knowledge;" "The very hairs of your head are all numbered."

We are in a world where death casts its shadow upon all things. Our hopes and prospects are often blighted by it. They wither, contract, and perish before our eyes. Friend after friend is hurried from our side. The man of fifty continues his life almost among strangers. Most of the friends and companions of his youth are gone. Customs have changed, and others repugnant to a staid conservatism have come into vogue. In a world of death what stay and comfort have we but the Lord of life? He alone can cause our hopes to bloom again, or give us in exchange for them the sweeter solace of the submissive will. When He stands by it the grave becomes but the dark vestibule that leads to the temple of life and light eternal. We need Jesus.

The Mission Field

From the National Capital

"Bless these dear people, O, Lord, they do some things we don't, but they are in the Bible."

After this manner, a good Methodist brother fervently prayed in one of our prayer meetings some time ago. Several times since then I have thought of that part of his prayer, and brethren, I feel that it was highly complimentary. We can not help but feel glad when people are impressed to express themselves in that way unsolicited. I noticed that same person at our late love-feast. He paid the very closest attention and thruout the entire services he "nodded" in a very encouraging way. But I must confess that it does sometimes puzzle me to understand why it is that so many are willing to admit that we have scriptural authority for these distinctive doctrines, and yet totally ignore them in their own lives. Christ's own word is to be the judge of all in that great